

*John Millis*

To the Honorable JOHN BREDIN, President, and ~~Thomas Hunter~~ and BENJAMIN ADAMS,  
Esqs. Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for Beaver County:

The Petition of *Christopher Bentz* of the County of Beaver,  
humbly sheweth: THAT your Petitioner, *Came into the United States in*  
*the Year 1831 at the age of 18 years and has resided within*  
*the United States at least 5 years*

*5* within the State of Pennsylvania, at  
least three years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he  
doth absolutely renounce and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, po-  
tentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the *King of Prussia*  
*in Germany* to whom he was heretofore a subject, that  
he hath never borne any hereditary title, nor hath been of any of the orders of nobility in  
the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these  
things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania.

*Christopher Bentz*

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the *11<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March* A. D. *1837*, before the Honorable *John Bredin*, President,  
and *Thomas Hunter* and Benjamin Adams, Esqs. Associate Judges of the same Court—  
*Came Christopher Bentz* and being sworn according to law, saith that what  
he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure  
all allegiance and fidelity to and foreign prince, potentate, or sovereignty, whatever, and  
particularly to the *King of Prussia*  
and that he will support the Constitution of the United States. *Christopher Bentz*

SWORN IN OPEN COURT.

*John A. Scruggs Pro*

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the *11<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, A. D. *1837*, for said County, came into Court, *Eli*  
*Reed*, a citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law,  
saith, that he hath known the above named *Christopher Bentz*  
during the term of a five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the said United  
States, as in the above Petition set forth by the said *Christopher Bentz*  
and that he hath behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the  
Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of  
the same.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED IN OPEN COURT.

*John A. Scruggs Pro*

*Eli Reed*